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2. The plant had about 150 employees, about 100 of whom were members of the Labor Troops Brigade. All other employees were civilians and were primarily mechanics and auto repair specialists. These civilians received salaries of 500 to 800 leva per month. All Trudovaks and civilian employees worked for eight hours a day Monday through Saturday.
3. The plant did general mechanical repair on government military and civilian vehicles. Most of the trucks repaired were three, five, and six-ton trucks, models ZIS-150, Renault, or Opel Blitz. At all times, there were from 30 to 40 trucks undergoing repair at the plant.
4. The workshops were well-equipped with the necessary machinery. Although the civilian employees were interested in their job, the Trudovaks were not. The Trudovaks received a salary of two leva a month and regarded their work there as more of a slave labor institution than anything else. The plant had no training programs for the mechanics nor any military training for the Trudovaks.
5. Source considered the repair work done at Gorna Banya to be efficient and the mechanics good in spite of the lack of spare parts throughout Bulgaria. This shortage was never corrected and the Bulgarian Government imported no parts from other countries because of the foreign exchange. The Bulgarian production of these parts was slow and, therefore, delays resulted.

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